

# "THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A WORLD CHAMPION" SAYS ONE

No Such "Varmint" Declares Bert Wier; the Game Changes Too Suddenly to Permit of Great Individual Boasts of Prowess

(By Bert Wier in "Wild Bunch")  
 Everyone has a right to his own opinion, and when this is backed up by records kept by different fairs, it makes it look much stronger. Every little fair develops some world's champions, only to have their banners trailed in the dust at the next contest, which may not be more than a week off.

Ed Lindsey is the only one, that's all, as I have never seen any of the other lads drop-out of a bending wagon on a fancy ox when he was looking for some fresh territory where the game was longer.

Will pass the contest game by lightly as I might be mistaken in some lines until I come down to my subject the roping, as I certainly understand that, or think I should, at least, as I have been hanging around

world's champion in the art of hog-tying steers. If Jess Willard was to get his nose mashed up and out-classed two or three times a year, he would not be considered a champion any longer.

There is quite a difference in steers and not enough difference in about twelve ropers in the cow countries for a champ to live and do well. Just like a water dog trying to live and hold his head up after the water

rangy heaves, of 28 4-5 seconds. This is the best I have ever heard of, although I notice in the Wild Bunch and the Billboard a list of the best records and you have several boys with a 21-second five-steer average, when really 20 flat is the best ever made on a single steer, and that was made by my brother Charles at Cad-do, Okla., in September, 1914. Ed

Hall is a fast but uncertain roper, having tied three single steers at different times in 21 seconds. Possibly some little poor doggies have been tied in less than 20 seconds on a short score, but no real stags, believe me.

Clay McGonigal's record of 22, made at Tucson, Ariz., stood up for seven years and in the opinion of the

writer he was hard to course on as many as twenty steers up till 1903, when he had the misfortune to have his right hip broken. He was the greatest horseman the world ever produced.

Perhaps I have said too much, but I just wanted to let the public know that such a "varmint" as a world's champion does not exist, as the re-

ords of the several contests will prove, and its dollars to doughnuts. If these should ever be three more big contests with the boys mentioned in attendance, that we'll just about develop three more world's champs.

I know d— well a world's champion steer roper does not exist only in the lobbies of hotels, bars or in the wildest of wild dreams.

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riding class, but I really think if Red Parker and Lee Caldwell were left at a ranch, nothing to eat and a corral full of bronks, they would get over to a neighbor's chuckwagon without walking. Scores of other good ones, including Jake Heath down at Pawhuska, Okla., who I don't suppose were ever any farther from the home ranch than over at Joe Bartles big show one 8th of July at Jewey.

the secretary's desk for my check as soon as the dust had settled on some of the biggest meets in the land. Have always been on some ponies as good as the best (except old Rowdy, owned by Joe Gardner; there will never be any more like him; he is dead now and his bones are bleaching over on Joe's ranch north of Sierra Blanca, Texas. I imagine the boy always removes his hat when riding up that lonely canyon.

Again, I say that there is not any

is all gone. The air is just simply too light. It's true two or three boys from this southern country can take a good horse and go into the northwest and win all the purses just like feeding mocking birds to a hungry tomcat. Up there the boys use a long rope and are all trying to rope cattle afoot. The southern boys are far ahead of the northern boys riding as the northern boys are ahead of the southern boys riding bucking horses. The purses are just too small for roping to call out all the fast boys, but let Guy Weadick stage a blocker swinging with as many naughts to the prize list as the show at Winnipeg, and it will put such men as Clay McGonigal, Ed Echols, Will and John Glenn, Bud Parker, Ed Hall, Joe Gardner, Ellisen Carroll, Ed Burgess, Johnnie Murrath, Will Hall and myself, who have not been in the game much for the last two years, on the screen again, which would change things not a little. My brothers George and Charley are as fast as any of the boys and have had easy sailing the last two years, but put the names above all out on the road and there is no such thing as best. In passing I might say that Sioux City will hold a round-up which is putting up enough money to make it worth while for any of the above bunch to take a trip there.

In four big-five steer contests held at El Paso, with all the above named boys in attendance, a new champ was developed every time. Joe Gardner, Will Glenn, John Glenn and myself, Will made the best average on five cattle and sure enough big



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### Legend of Wind War

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hardest. It might then go on roaring about the Blue mountain tops and take off the snow there first, but must not blow so hard on people as to kill them. And the young giant has obeyed this order ever since. Sometimes he forgets and comes with such a rush that everybody is terrified and all think that their houses are going to be thrown down and themselves turned out to freeze, as chances often in Dakota, but then the giant remembers his pledge, retracts his anger, breathes softly on the mountain tops and instead of dead men's bones there spring up daisies and buttercups and a myriad of star-like flowers which the Umatilla Indians call Coyote Eyes in remembrance of Speeyal, the god Coyote, who saved them from the dire vengeance of the young Chinook giant.

### Laws of Nez Perce

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pay all damages and receive twenty-five lashes for every offense.

Article 9.—Those only may keep dogs who travel or live among the game; if a dog kill a lamb, a calf or any domestic animal, the owner shall pay the damages and kill the dog.

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